(c) if so, whether Doordarshan authorities have failed in identifying a suitable site?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A suitable site required for the purpose has been finalised and installation work also taken up.

Payment of Extra Cost by Allottees of Self Financing Scheme in Vasant Kunj and Sarita Vihar

485. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allottees of DDA houses under Self Financing Scheme in Vasant Kunj and Sarita Vihar are paying extra cost due to delay on the part of Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, what is the actual number of allottees paying extra cost for the last three years; and

(c) the number of housing schemes of the Delhi Development Authority which were started but have not been completed in time so far and what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The final cost of flats in Vasant Kunj and Sarita Vihar is being worked and will be intimated to the allottees shortly.

(b) The number will be known after final cost has been worked out.

(c) There are 17 SFS Housing Schemes of DDA as on 1-4-89 which had been started but have not been completed in time. The reasons for delay are as under:—

(i) Delay in the completion of peripherial services by DESU and MCD.

(ii) Short supply of materials.

(iii) Delay in handing over of sites due to litigation.

(iv) Restriction imposed by the Aviation Department at Vasant Kunj.

(v) Slow progress by some contractors.

(vi) Cancellation of original contracts and awarding the work to new contractors in some areas.

Telecast of TV Serial on Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

486. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to telecast a T.V. serial on Late Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Ex-President of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when serial is likely to be telecast and in how many languages it is being produced?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to telecast a serial in four parts of 30 minutes each in Hindi on Dr. Servepalli Radhakrishnan during his centenary year.

Population Engaged in Agriculture

487. SHRIMATI BHOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the percentage of population engaged in agriculture in the country according to the latest statistics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): According to

the decennial population Census last conducted in 1981, 66.5 per cent of the total main workers were engaged either as cultivators or agricultural labourers.

Deputation and Ex-Cadre Promotion of J.Es. in C.P.W.D

488. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during calling off the strike of the JEs C.P.W.D. had agreed to take up the cases of deputation and Ex-cadre promotion of the JEs with other departments with a view to reduce stagnation of JEs in CPWD; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes.

(b) In pursuance of the agreement, instructions were issued to all concerned that the names of Junior Engineers should be sponsored liberally for deputation, as and when demands were received from other Departments/Organisations.

Survey of Coal and Lignite in Godavari Valley, U.P.

489. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to stat:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India conducted survey for coal and lignite in Godavari Valley (Andhra Pradesh); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES AND THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) has recently undertaken stratigraphic drilling in Godavari Valley in parts of Khammam and West-Godavari districts, Andhra Pradesh, to locate coal and lignite bearing formations respectively. Significant coal seams were intersected in three boreholes drilled so far in Khamam districts. Drilling was also taken up recently in tertiary formations of West Godavari district.

Expenditure on Desert Development Programme

490. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the desert development programme during the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(b) the measures proposed to be adopted to make the desert development scheme a great success?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Expenditure of Rs. 141.90 crores has been incurred on the programme during the first four years of the Seventh Five Year Plan (upto December 1988). Statewise break-up is given below:—

Sl. No.	State	Expenditure (1985—89 upto Dec. 88) (Rs. in lakhs)
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	Gujarat	658.29
2	Haryana	1130.91
3	Himachal Pradesh	544.94
4	Jammu & Kashmir	752.95
5	Rajasthan	11102.70
	TOTAL	14189.70

(b) The focus of the programme has been sharpened since 1987-88 on activities directly contributing to restoration of ecological balance and arresting of